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SUBJECT: JAPAN STUDYING PARTICIPATION IN IEA

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1. REPORT WHICH FOLLOWS WAS TAKEN FROM JAPANESE ECONOMIC DAILY, NIHON KEIZAI SHIMBUN, AND HAS NOT BEEN CHECKED WITH MITI PENDING DEPT'S REPLY TO REFTEL B.

2. REALIZING DANGER THAT JAPAN MAY BECOME ISOLATED INTERNATIONALLY IN ENERGY FIELD, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGENCY (STA) HAS BEGUN STUDING JAPANESE PARTICIPATION IN IEA'S ALTERNATIVE ENERGY R&D PROJECT BY NAMING NOBUHISA AKABANE, ADMINISTRATIVE COUNSELOR IN DIRECTOG-GENERAL'S SECRETARIAT, TO HEAD STUDY GROUP.

3. STEP RESULTS FROM STA'S REFLECTION ON JAPAN'S EXPRESSION OF NON-PARTICIPATION IN IEA PROJECT AT IEA ENERGY R&D COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN WASHINGTON LAST JUNE. REASONS FOR NON-PARTICIPATION WERE LARGELY ECONOMIC
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AND FINANCIAL BECAUSE IT WAS FEARED THAT PARTICIPATION IN PROPOSED SOLAR THERMAL POWER GENERATION PROJECT, ONE OF THE PROJECTS IDENTIFIED BY IEA FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE ENDEVORS, MIGHT INCUR ADDITIONAL EXPENSES SINCE THIS PARTICULAR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT HAS ALRADY BEEN UNDERWAY DOMESTICALLY AS PART OF NATIONAL PROJECT.

4. THIS POSITION HAS NOW BEEN REVERSED BASED ON FEAR THAT NON-PARTICIPATION MAY RATHER PLACE JAPAN IN DISADVANTAGEOUS POSITION BOTH ECONOMICALLY AND TECHNOLOGICALLY. IT WAS REALIZED THAT IT MIGHT NOT BE WISE FOR JAPAN INDEPENDENTLY TO UNDERTAKE ALL OF THE COSTLY ALTERNATIVE ENERGY R&D PROJECTS. IT WAS ALSO REALIZED THAT JAPAN WOULD BENEFIT FROM TECHNOLOGICAL EXCHANGES WITH OTHER OIL-CONSUMING NATIONS AS RESULT OF HER PARTICIPATION IN IEA PROJECTS.

5. STA WILL COORDINATE WITH MITI AND OTHER MINISTRIES CONCERNED IN EXPLORING AREAS IN WHICH JAPAN CAN COOPERATE WITH IEA AND MODES OF SUCH COOPERATION.
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